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1. UNDER PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM ACADEMY AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, REPORTED IN BUCHAREST 648, ACADEMY DESIRES RECEIVE AMERICAN PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS FROM ARIZONA STATE. THERE ARE NO LANGUAGE LIMITATIONS. THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE IS SEPARATE FROM THE RUTGERS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR PROPOSAL. THE ARIZONA STATE CONNECTION HAS RESULTED, OF COURSE, FROM MARVIN JACKSON'S PRESENCE HERE AND FROM THE VISIT OF VICE RECTOR MANOLESCU TO TEMPE IN LATE OCTOBER.

2. THE ASSOCIATION OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE WITH THE U.S.-ROMANIAN FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IS BOTH AN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT TO GUARANTEE INTERNAL FUNDING HERE AND A PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SECTION I (3) C, WHILE APPLICABLE, HAS NO FUNDING AVAILABLE. ONLY UNDER SECTION I (3) B, ARE BOTH TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNAL COSTS GUARANTEED.

3. THE IMPLICATIONS OF ASU'S PROFESSIONAL STRENGTH IN THE ECONOMICS FIELD NEED TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ACADEMY HERE

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PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF ANY LONG-TERM OR CONTINUING RE-

LATIONSHIP. THE EMBASSY INTENDS TO DISCUSS THIS WITH RECTOR DOLGU FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM ABROAD NEXT WEEK. MEANWHILE, THE PRESENT OPTION IS OUR SINGLE ALTERNATIVE FOR 1974-75. WE DO, HOWEVER, SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT THIS SHOULD BE, FOR THE PRESENT, A ONE-TIME TRIAL VENTURE.

4. IN THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCUSSION WITH CIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARCH 15, THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT IT WILL BE MADE CLEAR THAT OUR INTENTION IN THIS MATTER IS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE AN AMERICAN PROFESSORSHIP IN ECONOMICS AT THE ACADEMY HERE. AT THE SAME TIME, RECOGNIZING THE ROMANIAN INTEREST IN RECIPROCITY, THE ASU OPTION WOULD PROVIDE GUARANTEED FUNDING FOR A ROMANIAN CANDIDATE IN THE U.S., A MATTER OF SERIOUS AND CONTINUING DIFFICULTY THIS PAST YEAR. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT -- IN THE EMBASSY VIEW -- TO PERSUADE THE ACADEMY TO ACCEPT A SENIOR FULBRIGHT ECONOMICS TYPE FROM ANOTHER AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT SOLVE THE DIFFICULTY OF PLACING HIS ROMANIAN COUNTERPART. THESE TWO MATTERS ARE NOT -- REPEAT NOT -- DIVISIBLE IF THE EXCHANGE IS TO SATISFY BOTH U.S. AND ROMANIAN INTERESTS.

5. THE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT THE FULBRIGHT MECHANISM MAY NOT BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE DEVICE FOR INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGES. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR BROADENING THE ROMANIAN PROGRAM REPRESENTED BY THIS PROPOSAL, THAT SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY WILL EXIST TO ALLOW US TO CONCUR FOR 1974-75.

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